



Provincial Outreach Program for Students with Deafblindness

Role of a POPDB District Partner

What is a POPDB District Partner?

- Once a referral has been accepted, POPDB requires that each district select a District Partner; a representative of the host district who can act as a link between POPDB and their school district.
- POPDB Teacher Consultants are invited into a district and work closely with the district partner to share POPDB information with the teams who support a student(s) with deafblindness.

Who is a POPDB District Partner?

- A team member who is directly involved with the student(s) with deafblindness. The District Partner could be a Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments, a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or other District professional who is directly involved with the student(s) with deafblindness.
 - Directly support the student(s) with deafblindness in the district and their EA/Intervenors.
 - Be an active member of the student's team.
- A representative of the host district who can act as a link between POPDB and their school district/students' team members.
- The District Partner is not expected to have experience in deafblindness but have a willingness to learn about the unique learning needs of student(s) with deafblindness.

What are the POPDB District Partners responsibilities?

- Liaison between POPDB Consultant and the student's team.
 - Team members include Classroom teacher, support teacher, Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, EA's/Intervenors who work directly with the student.
 - Share POPDB information (pro-d, courses, newsletters etc.) with members of the team who support a student with deafblindness.
 - Coordinate new POPDB referrals.
- Attend Professional Development with team members and share information
 - Willingness to learn about deafblindness and best practice.
 - Open to learning about the unique role of EA/Intervenors and their training needs.
 - When possible, attend a student visit(s) with the POPDB Teacher Consultant.
 - Attend pro-d / meetings offered by POPDB.

If you have any questions, please connect with your POPDB Teacher-Consultant, or connect with the POPDB office to talk with the Program Coordinator. Email: deafblind@sd38.bc.ca

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